

**VILLAGE OF LAKE BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD JANUARY 12, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake Barrington was held at the Village Municipal Center, 23860 Old Barrington Road, on Saturday, January 12, 2008, and was called to order by President Richardson at 9:30 a.m. Village Administrator Martin was appointed Recording Secretary.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Upon the roll being called, the following Trustees were physically present at said location: Trustees Burke, DeJesu, Raclaw, Schaller, Struck, Trustee Vonder Haar, and President Richardson

Absent: None.

The following Trustees were allowed by a majority of the members of the President and Board of Trustees in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the President and Board of Trustees to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: None.

No Trustee attended the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following Trustees were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: None

Staff Present: Village Administrator Martin

Others Present: Village Attorney Bateman

3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (President Richardson)

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF AN AWARD OF CONTACT FOR LOBBYING SERVICES – FIDELITY CONSULTING GROUP

Administrator Martin distributed the following summary to the Board in their packets: The Village previously has contracted with Advanced Practical Solutions for lobbying services. The Fidelity Consulting Group is proposed as the Village's new lobbyist at the same terms, a \$24,000 annual retainer. The Board tabled this matter on January 7th for more information.

Introductions/Summary

President Richardson stated that his expectation of the new lobbyist would be to provide the Village Administrator with oral briefings on a routine basis, either weekly or bi-weekly. President Richardson stated that the Village Administrator would be the distribution point for data to the Village Board. He stated that since written reports are subject to inspect through the Freedom of Information Act, oral reports are preferable given the sensitivity of the information. President Richardson stated that the Village's previous firm, Advanced Practical Solution advised him that their practice was changing and the Village needed to find an alternative firm. He reported that Fidelity Consulting Group conducted a telephone conference of which he and Trustee Vonder Haar participated earlier this week.

President Richardson recognized the Village Administrator, Village Engineer, and Advanced Practical Solutions for their efforts to secure IDOT funding for the proposed signalization of Route 14 and Pepper Road. Administrator Martin reported that staff met with Clayton Harris of IDOT recently who seems open to the Village's presentation and passed his thoughts to District 1 representative Diane O'Keefe. Since then, he has been in contact with Senator Bill

Peterson's office who relayed the message that \$250,000 in IDOT funding is being awarded for this intersection. Village Administrator Martin stated that IDO was particularly attracted to the 3-way participation. He stated that the as a result of this funding, there would be a \$140,000 savings to village and \$110,000 savings to developer of NorthPointe.

Public Comment

Mr. Don Storino, a partner of Fidelity Consulting Group (Fidelity) addressed the Board. He reported that his firm has worked well with Advanced Practical Solution (APS) and other lobbyists in the past. He offered the Village a seamless transition from APS to Fidelity, cited local connections, and agreed to routinely contact the Village Administrator with updates.

Mr. Storino gave the Board a quick background on his education and experience as well as his partner's, Brian Daly, who had a prior commitment and could not attend this meeting. He stated that collectively he and his partner have more than 20 years in the field with expertise in local, state, and executive branch government including work in the House, Senate, and the Governor's office for both the Republican and Democratic parties.

Presentation by President Richardson

President Richardson, Chair of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, presented background information relative to lobbyists and the recommended criteria when selecting a lobbyist.

Board discussion followed.

Board Action:

After such discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Schaller and seconded by Trustee Vonder Haar to table Board Action for 30-days relative to approval of a lobbying services agreement.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Yeas: Trustees Schaller and Vonder Haar
Nays: Trustees Burke, DeJesu, Raclaw, Struck, and President Richardson
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Administrator Martin declared the Motion failed.

Board Action:

A motion was made by Trustee Burke and seconded by Trustee Raclaw To Pass Resolution No. 2008-R-03, A Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a lobbying services agreement with Fidelity Consulting Group, LLC relative to the Village's environmental and water quality policy and transportation policy.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Yeas: Trustees Burke, DeJesu, Raclaw, Struck, and President Richardson
Nays: Trustees Schaller and Vonder Haar

Abstain: None
Absent: None

Administrator Martin declared the Motion passed.

Public Comment

Mr. Storino thanked the Board.

Trustee DeJesu left the meeting.

5. **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE BOARD**

6. **CLOSED SESSION**

Board Action

At _____ A.M. a motion was made by Trustee Schaller and seconded by Trustee Struck That A Portion of The Meeting Be Closed To The Public, Effective Immediately, To Discuss Litigation Involving an Action Against This Municipality Which Is Pending in Court Or in an Administrative Tribunal. The voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Village Board reconvened at _____ A.M. with those Board members in attendance as during original roll call with the exception of Trustee DeJesu.

7. **OTHER** – None.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Trustee Schaller and seconded by Trustee Raclaw to adjourn the meeting. The voice vote was unanimous, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately _____ A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher A. Martin
Village Administrator
Recording Secretary

Cynthia L. Hoover
Village Clerk